

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Daniel 11:2-12:13

1. What happened last week in our study of the book of Daniel?
 - a. More crazy visions.
 - b. An angel came to Daniel as an answer to prayer.
 - c. God set the answer to Daniel's prayers in motion as soon as he began to pray.
 - d. We were reminded that God answers the prayers of the righteous and the repentant.

2. What is happening in chapter 11?
 - a. I don't have a clue!
 - b. This seems to describe the rise and fall of more kings and rulers.
 - c. Most scholars believe this refers to the kings who came directly after Cyrus of Persia and the kingdoms that rose up shortly afterward.

3. What is happening in verses 11:31-35?
 - a. This happened in the time of the Maccabees.
 - b. This still happens today!
 - c. People are often lured away from the truth by people who tell them what they want to hear.
 - d. When people stand up for what is right, there may be some who gather around them but do not really stand for truth.
 - e. Paul talks about this in 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

4. What does verse 35 mean when it says "some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined...?"
 - a. I'd like for it to justify my sin as a part of life that helps me learn, so can you just say that?
 - b. In this case, stumble is the same word as is used for fall in verse 33, which is referring to physical defeat or persecution.
 - c. It sounds like the same thing that Peter talks about in 1 Peter 1:6-7.

5. How do you respond to trials or opposition? _____

6. What is 12:1-4 talking about?
 - a. God's people are protected.
 - b. We are told that there is a book of those who are truly the people of God.
 - c. We are told that the dead will come to life...some to everlasting life and others to shame and everlasting contempt.
 - d. This sounds something like 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

7. Read Daniel 12:10 and 2 Peter 3:8-14. Where will you be when the day of the Lord comes?

